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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, NU

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - NICARAGUANS REPORTEDLY  
DETAINED BY NATIONAL GUARD

1. DEPARTMENT IN RECEIPT REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION SEVERAL  
NICARAGUANS WHO ALLEGEDLY PRESENTLY OR FORMERLY HELD UNDER  
DETENTION BY NATIONAL GUARD.

2. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SEEKS INFORMATION RE LUCIANA  
LOPEZ (PROBABLY LUCIANA LOPEZ CENTENO) ALLEGED TO HAVE  
BEEN ARBITRARILY DETAINED IN THE COURSE OF COUNTER-  
INSURGENCY OPERATIONS BY THE NATIONAL GUARD IN SOFANA,  
ZALAYA DURING FEBRUARY, 1976. SHE IS REPORTED TO BE AN  
UNMARRIED CAMPESINA OF 25 YEARS OF AGE. ACCORDING TO  
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HER ARREST  
NOT FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY AUTHORITIES AND THEREFORE NO  
OFFICIAL REASON FOR ARREST OR INFORMATION AS TO PLACE OF  
DETENTION KNOWN.

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3. AFOREMENTIONED ORGANIZATION ALSO SEEKS ASSISTANCE OF  
DEPARTMENT RELAYED THROUGH CONGRESSMAN PHILIP BURTON'S  
OFFICE AS TO WHEREABOUTS FAMILY OF SALOMON PEREZ LOPEZ.  
INFORMATION PROVIDED DEPARTMENT STATES SALOMON PEREZ HEAD

OF FAMILY WAS A SECRETARY TO THE ACCION CATOLICA AND THAT  
HE AND HIS FAMILY, CRUZ PEREZ LOPEZ (30), MARIANO PEREZ

LOPEZ (25), MARIA PEREZ LOPEZ (15), LINDA PEREZ MENDOZA (12) AND FELICITA MENDOZA (25) WERE ARRESTED IN SOFANA, ZELAYA DURING FEBRUARY, 1976 AND THAT AUTHORITIES DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AS PRISONERS.

4. WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA SEEKS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON ARMANDO ACUNA CORDOVA (26). ACUNA REPORTED TO BE LUMBER MILL WORKER FROM JALAPA, NUEVA SEGOVIA WHO WORKED AT MADERAS DE NICARAGUA. HE ALLEGEDLY PICKED UP BY NATIONAL GUARD ON JULY 3, 1976 WITHOUT EXPLANATION, REMOVED TO CABO VILLEGAS, THEN TO NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS IN OCOTAL AND LATER VARIOUS MILITARY AND POLICE FACILITIES IN MANAGUA. DURING DETENTION OF 9 1/2 MONTHS ACUNA REPORTEDLY SUBJECTED TO TORTURE, NEVER PRESENTED BEFORE ANY JUDICIAL BODY EITHER MILITARY OR CIVIL AND FINALLY RELEASED.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE RE THESE PERSONS. VANCE

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